

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| | FY 2007 EXPENDITURE | FY 2008 APPROPRIATION | FY 2009 REQUEST | GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Defender Services | \$ 28,508,299 | \$ 29,289,104 | \$ 50,778,113 | \$ 30,510,313 |
| Federal Grants | 0 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| Legal Defense and Defender Fund | 2,231,421 | 2,976,491 | 2,976,491 | 2,980,263 |
| Homicide/Conflict of Interest Cases | <u>2,241,492</u> | <u>3,391,502</u> | <u>17,556,502</u> | <u>3,391,502</u> |
| DEPARTMENT TOTAL | \$ 32,981,212 | \$ 35,782,097 * | \$ 71,436,106 | \$ 37,007,078 |
| PERSONAL SERVICE | | | | |
| General Revenue Fund | 24,566,435 | 25,604,904 | 39,526,233 | 26,373,051 |
| Legal Defense and Defender Fund | 56,897 | 125,735 | 125,735 | 129,507 |
| EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT | | | | |
| General Revenue Fund | 6,183,356 | 7,075,702 | 28,808,382 | 7,528,764 |
| Legal Defense and Defender Fund | 2,135,774 | 2,819,276 | 2,812,006 | 2,812,006 |
| PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION | | | | |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| Legal Defense and Defender Fund | <u>38,750</u> | <u>31,480</u> | <u>38,750</u> | <u>38,750</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 32,981,212 | \$ 35,782,097 | \$ 71,436,106 | \$ 37,007,078 |
| General Revenue Fund | 30,749,791 | 32,680,606 | 68,334,615 | 33,901,815 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| Legal Defense and Defender Fund | 2,231,421 | 2,976,491 | 2,976,491 | 2,980,263 |
| Full-time equivalent employees | 554.25 | 560.13 | 850.13 | 560.13 |

* Does not include \$145,680 recommended in the Fiscal Year 2008 Supplemental Appropriations. See the Supplemental section of the Missouri Budget for details regarding the Office of the State Public Defender supplemental appropriations.

OFFICE SUMMARY

The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution assures that no person accused of a crime and unable to pay for legal assistance shall face trial without counsel. Established in 1982, the Office of the State Public Defender exists as a system for providing defense services to every jurisdiction within the state by means of a centrally administered organization having a full-time staff. The State Public Defender System fulfills the constitutional guarantee of legal counsel for persons accused of criminal offenses in Missouri's 45 judicial circuits (embracing 114 counties and the City of St. Louis). Functioning as an independent department of the Missouri judicial branch, the Office of the State Public Defender is charged with providing legal defense for indigents accused of criminal offenses. Governor Blunt's Fiscal Year 2009 budget provides a total of \$37 million for the Office of the State Public Defender.

Fiscal Year 2009 Governor's Recommendations

- \$278,237 for increased operational costs.
- \$174,825 to pay increased statutory court reporter fees under SB 163 (2007).
- \$771,919 for pay plan, including \$768,147 general revenue.